

BOMA Seattle King County

BOMA DEIS VIADUCT COMMENTS

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We appreciate the wealth of information available for consideration of the Viaduct alternatives and the outreach provided by the AWV project. The BOMA Board of Trustees has a keen interest in this project both in the context of the regional economy and also in the context of continuing the work of a vibrant Seattle downtown environment. The Board recognizes that it is important to consider the project in a long term context and therefore believes that the Six-Lane Tunnel alternative provides the greatest benefit for the future of downtown and the region. Capacity: Do not diminish the existing capacity of 110,000 vehicles per day. We believe that the six-lane tunnel provide adequate capacity in the future along given the other projects that will provide alternative methods of transportation. Freight Mobility: Ensure that freight mobility through the corridor is maintained and enhanced. Additional studies need to be done to determine the that hazardous materials can be safely transported from the Ballard industrial areas to the Port and railroad yards in south Downtown, including capacity needed, tunnel constraints and alternative routes. Economic Development: Both during the construction phase and the long term development of the waterfront consistent vigilance must be maintained to ensure that the economic vitality of downtown is maintained and enhanced for the future. We ask for a more detailed plan for business mitigation during the construction phase; consideration of the trade-offs of expediting the construction phase with fewer access lanes vs. the negative economic impact of a long construction phase; and a final design that will enhance the future development of the waterfront and the adjoining neighborhoods. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.